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Aruba Bank again observed their annual tradition of paying tribute to members of the Aruba press core with a festive gathering at Milano Restaurant in Palm Beach on September 1, the island's "Dia di Prensa."

Local TV station ATV finished off their nightly news report with anchormen from several programs being congratulated on their day with a live broadcast from the South Beach Center where the party

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working journalists and photographers the opportunity to "let down their hair." Past events have featured karaoke contests and other diversions,

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Hurricane Earl menaces US East Coast

KITTY HAWK, North Carolina (AFP) - Hurricane Earl bore down on a vast stretch of the US East Coast yesterday, as tens of thousands of people fled North Carolina's barrier islands to avoid dangerous winds and surf.

The strongest Atlantic storm of 2010, Earl was expected to remain offshore but still skirted much of the eastern seaboard late yesterday. It is forecast to hit Canada's Nova Scotia by early tomorrow.

The US National Hurricane Center downgraded Earl to a category three hurricane at 2:00 p.m. yesterday, but maintained its forecasted course set to bring destructive winds and heavy rains to North Carolina's coast before moving north.

In a later advisory the NHC said the storm's sustained winds had dipped further, to near 115 miles (185 kilometers) per hour, but warned it was still a major hurricane expected to pass some 70 miles off North Carolina's Outer

With the Miami-based cenpredicting hurricane strength winds as far as 70 miles (110 kilometers) from the eye, coastal North Carolina residents were battening down and tourists were scattering in-

officials ordered a US mandatory evacuation for 30,000 residents and visitors of North Carolina's Hatteras Is-

Meanwhile, forecasters were also closely tracking the path of Tropical Storm Fiona about 475 miles (760 kilometers) south of Bermuda, with wind speeds of up to 50 miles (85 kilometers) per hour. It is expected to rake over the island chain beginning late

Gaston, the fourth tropical storm to form in the Atlantic over the past two weeks, weakened yesterday to a tropical depression, the NHC said, much to the relief of aid officials worried it would plow directly over Haiti, still recovering from January's massive earth-

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On Thursday, September 2, Post Aruba N.V. opened a new branch office: Post Aruba Harbour Area. The branch office that used to be located at Port of Call moved into the building next door. This new locality is directly visible and easily accessible for all customers and street in front of the parking lot behind Port of Call.

Post Aruba Harbour Area, like all other branch offices of Post Aruba N.V., is at the disposal of her customers for regular services such as sending letters and packages, sale of articles in the Post shop, sale of stamps, applications for a P.O.

Box or membership of E-Post, and the services of Western Union.

Opening hours of the branch office are from 8 a.m. until noon and from 1 to 5 p.m. during low season, and during high season it will be open from 8 a.m. to 6 pm. non-stop.

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Abbas, Netanyahu vow to meet every two weeks for peace

WASHINGTON (AFP) - Israeli and Palestinian leaders launched their first direct negotiations in 20 months here Thursday, agreeing to meet every two weeks in a bid to reach a lasting peace settlement within a year.

"Thank you for your courage and commitment," US Secretary of State Hillary Clinton told Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu and Palestinian president Mahmud Abbas as she opened what turned into four hours of talks.

"I know the decision to sit at this table was not easy," the chief US diplomat said at a rectangular table in a chandeliered room at the State Department, referring to the "suspicion and skepticism"



Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu (L) of Israel and President Mahmoud Abbas (R) of the Palestinian Authority shake hands alongside US Secretary of State Hillary Clinton as she hosts peace talks at the US State Department in Washington, DC. (AFP PHOTO)

surrounding the talks.

The leaders then went behind closed doors to begin tackling the core issues that have bedeviled past peace attempts -- Israel's security, borders of a

Palestinian state, the right of return for Palestinian refugees and the fate of Jerusalem.



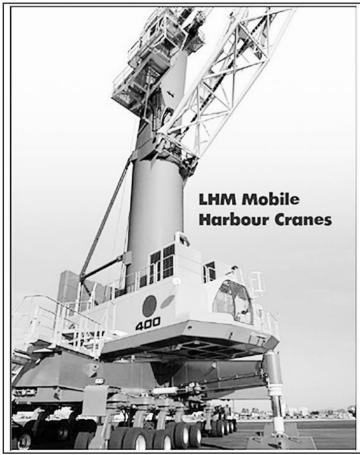
Five police officers, three soldiers dead in Colombia

BOGOTA, Colombia - Five police officers and three soldiers are dead in Colombia after several incidents blamed on leftist rebels.

The three soldiers were killed yesterday in two clashes with alleged members of the Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia (FARC) in the provinces of Norte de Santander, on the border with Venezuela, and Narino, on the Ecuadorian border.

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During the period between that are world leaders in mo-February 28 and March 7, 2010 a delegation comprising managements of Aruba Ports Authority (APA) and Aruba Stevedoring Company (ASTEC), went a on a fact finding mission at different ports in the Caribbean region to evaluate the use of mobile cranes.

Two crane manufacturers

bile cranes, Liebherr of Austria and Gottwald of Germany were asked for a quotation.

In the week of June 14, 2010 a delegation comprising 7 persons visited the ports of Philipsburgh, St. Maarten and Castries, St. Lucia to evaluate these two brands, Liebherr and Gottwald. The goup consisted of APA and ASTEC personnel, UPA members and a technical consultant.

Based on the delegation's report, a revised offer was asked from the two manufacturing company with the request to take notice the remarks in the technical report which was submitted by the delegation. During a recent APA personnel meeting came to light that there are still a few additional information missing that has to be cleared.

After taking into the account the technical aspects of the cranes and of our port, on August 31, APA confirmed its decision to buy a mobile crane, brand Liebherr, model LHM 400. The crane is expected on Aruba in the month of December.

APA is confident that the mobile crane will make it possible to offer a better service in container handling without using a ship crane, and the flexibility to plan and execute maintenance of the gantry crane.

Maintenance of the **Gantry Crane**

APA also announces the that they will start maintenance and repair jobs of the gantry crane every wekeend. From Friday, September 17 until the end of November 2010, the crane will be put out of service from Friday at 6:00 a.m. to Sunday midnight. APA has chosen these hours because there are less ships calling at our port thus causing less inconvenience.

Considering that most of the contaner ships come to Aruba on Sundays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays, APA for or its part is trying to keep the maintenance and repair jobs on Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays. But there are also two big jobs pending, which are repacing the rail next to the shore and changing the support in the crane's engine room, which can put the crane out of service for 10

That will be from October 8 to October 18, 2010. This repair job is necessary to certify the crane for a year. During that period the container ships' own cranes will be used to load and unload the containers.

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WASHINGTON, United States – A new report has found that the number of Caribbean and other illegal immigrants living in the United States has declined for the first time in two decades.

It said that illegal immigrants decreased by eight per cent as jobs declined in America because of the economic recession.

Post Aruba N.V. fetes **Ansje Blagobind**



On August 31, Ansje Balgolind celebrated her 10th anniversary working Aruba's postal service.

Aruba Post N.V. Director Kees van Nederkassel and colleagues commemorated the occasion with a small celebration.

Ansie started working with the government as substitute in the cleaning department, a post she occupied without changing till 2007. In February 2007 she decided to work in the cleaning department of Post Aruba N.V and handed in her status of government official. She is serious person, and is very dedicated to her work.

Management of Aruba Post N.V. congratulates Ansje Balgobind and wishes her all the best.



The world is your oyster at the Arawak Food & **Wine Festival**



J.E. IRAUSQUIN BLVD --Arawak Garden presents its second Food & Wine Festival on Saturday, September 3 in repetition of the successful event at the end of July. The restaurants and shops are ready for you: you just need to hop on a virtual plane and the world is your oyster!

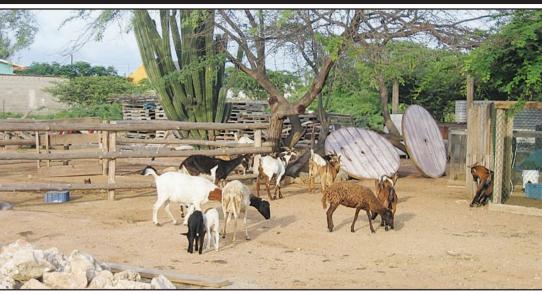
For instance, take the Flight to Spain at Salt & Pepper Restaurant. You order three tapas of your choice and pay for two. Another plane takes you to Argentina at Tango Restaurant: There you can eat a fantastic BBQ dinner for \$24.95 per person. Tango is renowned for its excellent cuts of meat; try them at this

But you have not seen it all: the flight to New Zealand entails a special adventure at Fishes & More. This popular restaurant at Arawak Garden offers a three-course menu for just \$ 21.75 per person. Burger King splurges with a free Sundea and a Twilight Eclipse poster with every King-size Value Meal and topping it all off with a flight to France is Casa Tua, where a Pizza Orientale goes for US 15.—. Next door Sopranos Piano Bar is surfing along: it offers special wines and a live cigar roller.

The Food & Wine Festival at Arawak Garden starts at 7 p.m.; entrance is free. The event is sponsored by Romar Trading, Compra, Pepia Est and Aruba Wine And Dine.

Arawak Garden is located in the high rise area across from the Occidental Resort.

Back Then



In order to authenticate, as much as possible, when researching such a personal cultural hallmark as cuisine, the author of "Aruba Cooks" turned to the late Wijkie Maduro who had made a lifelong commitment to the preservation and preparation of Aruban cooking.

A descendent of the Moises Maduro family that emigrated from to Aruba in 1754 from Portugal via Holland, Wijkie retired from a career in politics and labor union work to open a restaurant that "offered what great-grandmothers cooked: the lavish and sometimes complex Aruba cooking."

The first Aruban settlers, the Caiquetios, a tropical people of the Arawak nation, became fishermen who traded their catches for vegetables, fruit, grain and tools on the nearby South American mainland. Here they primitively cultivated corn, white and sweet potatoes and snared small rabbits that are indigenous to the island.

When the Spanish arrived in the 1500's, they brought goats, sheep, cows and pigs; the cattle was raised for hides, not for food. The Dutch took possession of Aruba in 1636; by 1672 raising goats for export was so successful that Aruba was sometimes referred to as "Goat Island." The cabrito became the mainstay of the local diet in which all parts of the animal were used for soups, stews and sausages; the hide was used for drums and to protect hands when building cacti walls.

New dishes were introduced by the emigration of people from Curação in the 19th century who brought Spanish and Portuguese ingredients and recipes, the Dutch influence of European cooking and also that of Indonesia where many Dutch had lived. In the early 20th century, those from the British West Indies who were hired to work in the refinery because they spoke English brought with them the culinary history of their African heritage.

Every bit of fresh-caught fish contributed to the table:

fillets and steaks the first choice or cut into small chunks for soup; head and tail for flavoring the soup or ground and fried with onions and sweet pepper.

Keri Keri

by Wijkie Maduro Serves 4

- pounds of fresh, firm, boneless white-flesh fish fillet
- quart of water
- tablespoon of salt
- celery stalk, diced
- sweet green bell pepper, diced
 - nion, peeled and diced
- fresh basil leaves, 10 chopped
- tablespoons of margarine
- teaspoon achiote (annatto) powder freshly ground black pepper

In a large saucepan, boil fish in salted water for 20 minutes. Remove fish and flake it. Sauté celery, bell pepper,

onion and basil leaves in margarine for 3 minutes, stirring. Add flaked fish and cook over low heat for 5 minutes, stirring occasionally. Stir in achiote powder and freshly groundpepper, to

Traditionally, all young Aruban girls were taught to make **Quesillo**, a lovely dessert.

From Mr. Maduro's collection, serving 4.

- eggs, beaten well
- 8ounce can sweetened condensed milk
- cup water
- teaspoon vanilla extract 1/2
- tablespoons coffee liqueur

Topping: 1 tablespoon caramelized sugar cup granulated sugar 1/4

tablespoon water

Mix eggs, milk, water, extract and liqueur in a 2-cup pyrex bowl and place it in a baking pan of water filled halfway. Bake in 250° oven for 1 hour. Meanwhile, heat sugar and water in small heavy skillet, stirring constantly until sugar melts and turns golden brown. Brush on top of quesillo.

Adapted with permission from "Aruba Cooks."

Love in the sunshine after the rain for Maciej and **Monique Kupras**







When they checked in at the Paradera Park Apartments late in the day, owners Henk and Debby saw to it that their honeymoon apartment facing the pool, was decorated with fresh flowers and snacks and drinks. Great personal service!

Two days later, dressed up in their wedding outfits, Maciej, an IT specialist, a Dutchman from Polish descent, and Monique, an undertaker, of Dutch descent, set out on a Island photo tour. The Aruba weather was perfect, as usual, and they all had a wonderful time climbing the Hooiberg,

posing in front of the Ayo Rock formations, Bushiribana gold mine ruins, and walking across the baby natural bridge while the waves crashed on the north

Monique says that their life is so good together, and even though they have individual personalities and travel one path, they are very comfortable being themselves with each other. The tour ended on the Eagle Beach at sunset where they danced their first dance, the rumba as husband and wife.

By Diane Keijzer



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Stiff competition resulted, with a medley of Cha-Cha, Waltz, Tumba, Salsa, and finally disco dancing required of the participants, who competed with verve. Taking first place were well known commentator and print journalist Tito Lacle, paired with Jacqueline Suttle, editor and publisher of Exclusivo masgazine.

Milano's proved a charming venue where Aruba Bank officers, headed by Marketing/P.R. Manager Shanoulle Bikker, feted Aruban journal-

"The importance of the news media and those who work tirelessly to bring us the truth and keep the public informed is beyond measure," she told the gathering, "we at Aruba Bank proudly salute you."

by Rosalie Klein

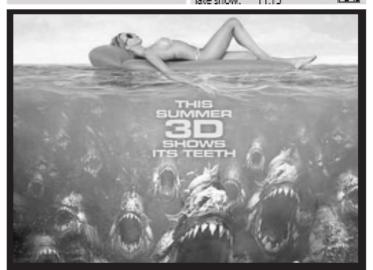






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Science/Tech

Disasters show 'screaming' need for action - climate chief

GENEVA (AFP) – UN climate chief Christiana Figueres yesterday warned that a string of weather calamities showed the deepening urgency to forge a breakthrough deal on global warming this year.

Speaking before some 40 countries were to address finance, an issue that has helped hamstring UN climate talks, Figueres said floods in Pakistan, fires in Russia and other weather disasters had been a shocking wakeup call.

"The news has been screaming that a future of intense, global climate disasters is not the future that we want," Figueres, newly-appointed executive secretary of the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC), told reporters.

Bacteria crafty at sharing antibiotic

Bacteria have more strategies for combating man-made antibiotics than previously thought, a new study suggests.

The results show that just a few antibiotic-resistant bacteria within a colony can confer protection to the entire bacterial community. But scientists might be able to exploit this protection strategy to develop treatments for antibiotic-resistant bacteria.

Previously, researchers thought each bacterium within a colony needed to individually develop antibiotic resistance. It did this either when it experienced a change in its genes, called a mutation, that conferred resistance, or when it picked up genes from other bacteria it came into contact with that provided resistance.

But the new study shows bacteria lucky enough to develop drug resistance are able to share their good fortune over longer distances with their neighbors, without changing their genes. Antibiotic-resistant bacteria can send out a signaling molecule that turns on protective mechanisms within the non-resistant bacteria, enabling them to survive in the presence of the drug.

The study is the first to show that signaling molecules can play a role in antibiotic resistance, Collins said. A better understanding of this type of bacterial communication may be critical for figuring out ways to prevent resistance, the researchers say.

"Science will show whether and how those events are related to climate change caused by humanity's greenhouse-gas emissions, but the point is clear: We cannot afford to face escalating disasters of that kind."

Figueres called on governments to agree on "four or five" major planks at year-end UNFCCC talks in Cancun, Mexico, which would then serve as a platform for a 2012 global pact on climate.

"We read it that countries are assuming their responsibility, that they're being realistic, that they're being productive, that they're being constructive and that they're counting on very clear outcomes from Cancun," she said

One of the issues in Cancun will be funding.

"The regulation of the financial issues is a key precondition for the successful conclusion of the climate negotiations in Cancun," said Swiss Environment Minister Moritz Leuenberger, in a speech to open the talks.

Hundreds of billions of dollars are needed to prevent future emissions of greenhouse gases by emerging economies and help poor countries facing worsening drought, flood, storms and rising seas.

The Geneva talks, running until Friday, gather more than 40 countries at ministerial level, including big advanced economies, emerging giants and countries representative of poor nations.

Sony Pitches a 3D Laptop, But You'll Still Need Glasses



Sony said this week its first stereoscopic 3D laptop will hit the grid next year. The laptop was in fact just demoed at the IFA 2010 technology fair in Berlin.

It'll sell under the company's Vaio brand, and include a 3D button that, when pressed, will lend three-dimensional depth to a 2D image. Tap the button again, and you're back to classic two-dimensional viewing at 1920 x 1080 (1080p) resolution. The idea's to let you play video games or watch high-definition movies in 3D (the laptop will presumably have a Blu-ray player).

Ah, but here's the catch: You'll have to wear a pair of active shutter glasses to make it work. Which means you'll have to haul potentially scratch-able, bendable, and eminently smudge-able shades around with you

everywhere. Oh, and no hunkering in your basement to avoid stares (or smirks) from curious onlookers.

HP's apparently planning much the same: The company just announced a similar 3D laptop in its Envy family (it'll also require glasses) due out by the holidays.

Sony CEO Sir Howard Stringer says the laptop will be available through regular retail channels next spring. No one's certain what it'll cost, or how much of a premium Sony will charge for the 3D angle, but Sony says it'll be fast, display up to 240 frames per second, which would put it well ahead of the competition. It'll also use Sony's version of "black frame insertion," which inserts a black frame between normal video frames to improve pixel response and improve black levels.

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Sugar water doesn't dampen baby's pain, study suggests

For years, hospitals have been giving sugar water to newborns about to undergo short, potentially painful procedures, on the assumption that the sweet drink would ease the little ones' pain.

A new study based on brain imaging of newborns casts doubt on that notion.

The sugar water may be only affecting babies' facial expressions, not dampening their pain, researchers from University College London say.

"All of us feel bad if we have to hurt a baby. The baby does, we do, the parents do. But if this is only masking what's going on, we need to think about it carefully," said Dr. Judith Meek, a neonatologist at the College Hospital who was a study researcher.

Sugar water has been given to babies all over the world since the early 1990s, Meek said, and is generally used when health care professionals need to lance a heel (to draw blood for testing), put in intravenous tubes or conduct

a spinal tap on an infant less than 3 months old. The soothing effect is thought to last about two minutes, she said.

Many studies have found that infants given sugar water make faces indicating they're not feeling as much as pain as infants who are given regular water, Meek said, and the practice has been well accepted by those who work with babies.

The new finding may be most important for babies who are not well and need such procedures performed several times each day, Meek said.

"If you have painful procedures done repeatedly while the brain is developing, the brain will change," she told MyHealthNewsDaily. This could affect pain perception in the long term.

"If we think we're having an impact and we're not, that's worrying," she said.

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In the study, 59 newborns received either sugar water or regular water prior to having a heel lanced. From elec-

trodes placed on the babies' heads, the researchers measured the brainwaves of the lanced infants via electroencephalography (EEG). The researchers also used a standard test that rated babies' facial expressions, heart rates, breathing rates and cries.

According to the standard scoring system, the faces of the babies who received the sugar solution indicated that they were in less pain. However, the EEGs showed that the brain waves were no different between those babies and the ones given plain water.

"We measured what was actually going on in the brain's cortex - the actual processing of pain. We felt that was more objective than the standard scoring," Meek said. The findings appear in the current issue of the journal The Lancet.

Other researchers were less convinced. Robert Lasky, a researcher in pediatrics at the University of Texas Medical School at Houston, wrote in The Lancet that the trial was too small to draw definitive conclusions, and he pointed out the tests did not include sick newborns who may be subjected to multiple painful procedures.

Meek said that if she now had a baby undergoing a heel lance, she would hold or nurse it during the procedure rather than give it sugar water. The study was large enough, she said, to show that there was a significant difference in the babies' facial expressions, so if there was a meaningful difference in the babies' brainwaves, that too would have been shown.

Tip:If You Have Cirrhosis

Cirrhosis is the medical term used to describe the slow deterioration of the liver as a result of chronic injury to the organ.

The U.S. National Digestive Diseases Information Clearinghouse says cirrhosis causes scarring of the liver, which can impair its ability to:

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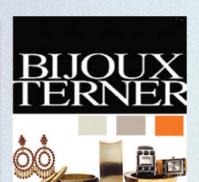
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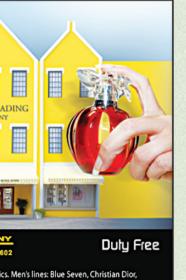
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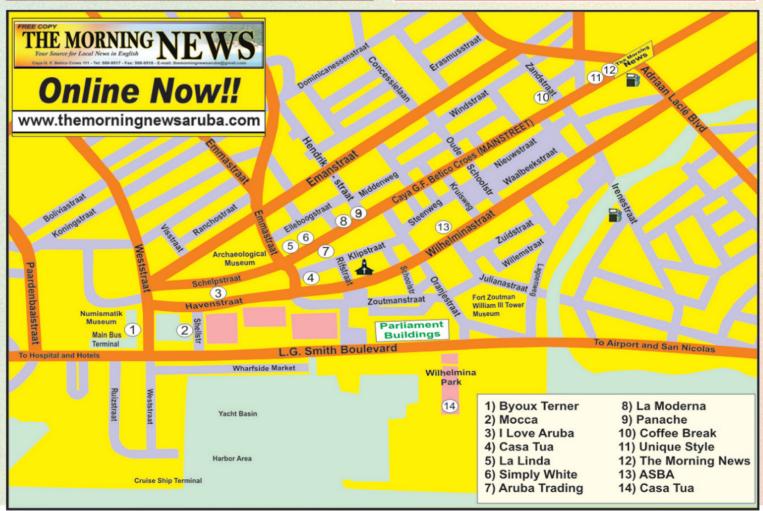
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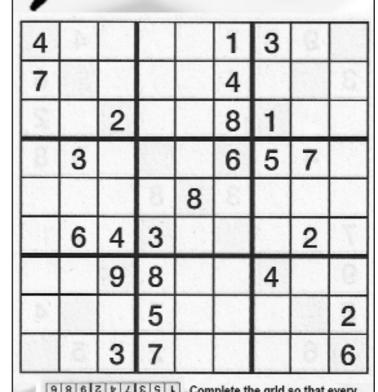
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Twitter launches iPad application

WASHINGTON (AFP) - Hot microblogging service Twitter launched an application for the Apple iPad yesterday to rave reviews from technology blogs.

The free official "Twitter for iPad" program allows Twitter users to send and receive the 140-character-or-less messages known as "tweets" as well as open links to Web content.

Twitter has a website but most users opt to use thirdparty applications to access the service rather than the somewhat non-user friendly Twitter.com.

The Twitter application for the touchscreen iPad, which is available from Apple's App Store, allows users to tap a message with their finger and see any related content in a separate window pane.

"Depending on the content in that Tweet, you'll see a video or photo, or maybe a news story, or perhaps another tweet," Twitter said in a blog post

Putin: Russia to retain grain export ban until 2011 harvest

MOSCOW, Russia (AFP) - Prime Minister Vladimir Putin said yesterday that Russia would not lift a ban on grain exports before next year's harvest, extending the major world producer's embargo until at least mid-2011.

"I believe it's necessary to note that we will only be able to consider lifting the grain export ban after next year's harvest ... and we have clarity on the balances," Putin said.

"We cannot just keep lurching back and forth," he said at a government meeting in televised remarks.

Putin gave no specific timeframe and his spokesman, Dmitry Peskov, only confirmed that the ban would not be lifted on December 31.

A record drought has destroyed a quarter of Russia's harvest and Putin signed a decree early last month banning grain exports from August 15 to December 31.

Putin subsequently said the government might extend the ban into next year.

The export ban is aimed at keeping the domestic market well supplied with grain to prevent sharp rises in food prices with Russia's leaders nervous of social unrest and keen to avoid any discontent ahead of elections due in 2012.

The export ban from such a key global player stung world markets, sending wheat prices to two-year highs and sparking worries of a crisis in global food supplies.

At the government meeting, Putin said the announcement was made "in order not to generate unnecessary nervousness (and) to secure stability and predictability" for all market participants.

Agriculture experts said Putin's announcement was no surprise. "What happened is what everyone expected," Andrei Sizov, managing director of SovEcon, a Moscow-based agriculture consultancy, told AFP.

Sizov said the move meant the grain export ban would not be lifted until at least July 2011 when farmers begin harvesting in the country's south and the government would have an idea of the amount grown.

Russia was the world's number three wheat exporter last year when it sold 21.4 million tons of grain and had embarked on a major new campaign to boost its international market share, an ambition that now must be set aside.

At a separate meeting on food security, Agriculture Minister Yelena Skrynnik said Russia's grain crop this year would fall to 60-65 million tons because of the country's worst drought in decades.

But with last year's grain reserves of 26 million tones, the country will have enough grain to meet this year's demand, she said in Saratov in central Russia in comments released by the government.

But the country would have to produce 85-90 million tons of grain next year to "stabilise the situation," Russian news agencies quoted Skrynnik as saying.

Air France mulls 'low-cost' option

PARIS, France (AFP) - Air France-KLM is considering setting up a "low-cost" domestic carrier to meet intense competition in the French market from budget rivals, company sources said yesterday.

The new airline, dubbed 'Air France Express,' could be established next year with bases in the southern cities of Marseille, Nice and Toulouse if agreement can be reached with unions, the sources said.

Air France-KLM which already operates a low cost unit, Transavia, declined to comment.

"Studies are underway to find some way to fight off the 'low-cost' airlines. Among ideas being considered, is setting up a new entity within Air France-KLM," one of the sources said, asking not to be named.

"The idea would be to base some pilots in Marseille, Nice and Toulouse and to do like easyJet -- avoid having aircraft overnighting away from their operating base," the source added.

EasyJet and other low cost carriers such Ryanair operate from many bases rather than just one or two, as in the case of Air France-KLM, setting up more efficient regional hubs which help keep down costs.

The source said Air France-KLM aimed to achieve similar cost savings and allow greater flexibility by moving some services outside of its main hub at Roissy-Charles de Gaulle in Paris.

Pilots would work the same number of days but would be in the air for more of their working day, getting paid more but not quite as much more as would be saved in costs, the source added.

Boeing eyes 700-billion-dollar North American plane market

NEW YORK CITY (AFP) - Aircraft sales in North America will reach 700 billion dollars over the next 20 years as airlines modernize their fleets, aerospace giant Boeing said yesterday.

The Chicago-based plane maker forecast that air carriers in Canada and the United States will take delivery of some 7,200 new airplanes by 2029.

The deliveries "will be driven largely by the need to retire older, less fuel-efficient single-aisle airplanes and regional jets, as airlines replace them with new-generation, more fuel-efficient models," it said in a statement.

Taking retirements of airplanes into account, the North America fleet will grow from 6,590 airplanes today to about 9,000 airplanes by 2029, it said.

Boeing forecast that nearly three-quarters of all new deliveries will be singleaisle airplanes as "the fastpaced lifestyles in Canada and the US require rapid, frequent and reliable coast-tocoast and interregional transportation." The company forecast a demand for 1,180 airplanes of its two-aisle 737 and 787 Dreamliner aircraft over the next 20 years, as small and medium size planes are expected to catch 19 percent of the North America fleet.

It, however, expected orders for its flagship 747 model and larger planes to reach a mere 40 units, or one percent of total investment.

Boeing, like its European rival Airbus, has focused its efforts in recent years on developing fuel-efficient aircraft, led by the 787 Dreamliner.

Steak on a Stone -Le Petit Café's specialty



Welcome to Le Petit Café

In a time when dining choices and critiques are based on value for your dollar, an old favorite, Le Petit Café, still offers one of the best values not only in price,

in particular is excellent; extremely moist and tasty. A thick cut of filet mignon usually requires cutting into smaller sections to cook fully, especially if your preference is medium-well to

Le Petit Café is particularly well known for its "Land and Sea" specialty, filet mignon and lobster tail; a gourmet treat when served in their signature

well done.

fashion. The restaurant also offers a diverse menu of pastas and tempting gourmet appetizers such as seafood crepes, crispy calamari, and escargot. For family members in the mood for some-



Fish on a Stone

but quality, quantity and ambiance.

Le Petit Café in Palm Beach offers charming surroundings reminiscent of a European outdoor café. Surrounded by Old World gaslights and an abundance of flora, it provides a delightful and romantic setting.

The Early Bird special offers a choice of a full sized chicken breast, a hefty portion of filet mignon or fresh grouper fillet accompanied by a well-stuffed baked potato, rice or french fries. There is a choice of soup or salad as a starter, and ice cream for dessert, all for a modest \$21.50; an unbeatable price for a great meal on Aruba!

Cooking your main course on the stone is a supremely healthy method of preparation, seasoned to perfection and using no fats or oils. Fish thing different there are several dishes to choose from, such as chicken parmesan, so a large family with different ideas of what they want for dinner can easily be accommodated.

We all know that breakfast is the most important meal of the day, and Le Petit Café has also long been famous for the best value for breakfast on Aruba. They still offer an American breakfast for \$6.95 and a full breakfast buffet for \$10.95, another unbeatable value!

Le Petit Café is also located in the Paradise Beach Villas, so whether you are staying in Oranjestad, Palm Beach or Eagle Beach, a La Petit Café restaurant can be found only a short stroll away from you resort, a perfect way to begin or end your day!

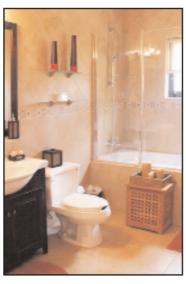
Gold Coast Aruba: This is the time to invest

Managers of Gold Coast Aruba, the island's newest and most innovative gated community, report that sales are picking up nicely as the global economy begins to recover and those with a bit of disposal income are looking to invest in a sure thing. Gold Coast Directing Manager Fito Croes has noticed a surprising percentage of owners are barely using the villas or town homes they purchase, but taking advantage of Gold Coast's rental services to turn their investment into ready income.

"The greater portion of home owners are using their "home away from home" in Aruba to escape the winter months, or spend holidays with the family on the island." he re-

ily on the island," he remarked, "but I am gratified by how many are buying because they felt secure with real estate investment on Aruba. They really study the history and economy of the island and are impressed with the political stability and continually increasing value of prime locations. Gold Coast is in the heart of Malmok, considered Aruba's most exclusive community; in this area, the value of properties has only increased over time. It is minutes to the best beaches and all the action, and yet offers a quiet and secluded getaway; we are very pleased by the response to our concept."

Fito, with his sister Mayrin and brother Rudy run Cas Bon, which has been constructing homes and building developments for all budgets for nearly twenty years. "Gold Coast Aruba is the jewel in our crown," observes Fito. "We were very excited about this project; the scope and amenities. We talked to countless island visitors to find out what they would really want in a permanent residence on





Aruba, and took from there."
Input from frequent vaca-

tioners who dreamed of their own home in Aruba will eventually be a community of 260 town homes, villas and condominiums with a stunning clubhouse complemented by two additional pools decks, one of



which has been open for a year, the other will be ready for the holidays 2010. They expect the clubhouse to be ready for the community with a workout room and spectacular facilities by the end of 2011. It will also house a restaurant and mini-market.

Owners who purchased upon the groundbreaking only a few short years ago, are already enjoying a nearly 50% appreciation on their investment, particularly those taking advantage of the management association's rental service, There is always a great demand for Aruba and facilities such as those at Gold Coast, making it easy for some owners to earn their mortgage payments or others to see an immediate return on their investment.

The design of the structures

is open, airy and spacious, fully deploying the island environment, with the finest quality construction and finishing available. Partnering with two of Aruba's top providers of kitchens and bathrooms enables developers to offer custom options for clients, so buyers can individualize their homes. An elegant and chic standard package is available, or island designers will assist owners in finishing the décor to their specific tastes.

There are many aspects to purchasing property; not the least is the future value of the investment. To further enhance this, Gold Coast managers have inaugurated a number of in-house services and are now negotiating with Interval International to provide a huge international pool for investors to tap for renters either short or long term. Property exchange for a vacation in another destination will also be available. Gold Coast's own rental services have also proven highly successful in assisting owners in renting their villas; 24-hour security and maintenance services also tip the scales when it is time to make a decision. Aside from all this, housekeeping, babysitting and catering services are also available for community members as well as airport pick-up and drop-off and preshopping services so cupboards and refrigerators are stocked upon arrival, which can all be arranged through their home management department.

Visit their website: www.goldcoastaruba.com for more details and availability or call 586-2200 to arrange a personal tour.



Club 21, a charming new option in night life





For all those on Aruba who have long wished for a place to relax and enjoy favorite music and stimulating conversation, there is now a place "for the rest of us," in Palm Beach; the recently opened Grand Café 21, located in what was formally Pavarotti's and Bella Luna restaurants.

The new owners, Michael and Mireille Heilker have converted the formal restaurant into a cozy lounge/eatery where one can come to enjoy a gourmet meal from veteran Chef Wim Elzing, a fusion of French with a Caribbean flair,

and then stay on to dance and socialize in the relaxed surrounding.

A quick glance at the menu listed gourmet treats such as escargot, frog legs and a hearty crab and corn chowder along with fresh local fish, prime steaks and creative poultry dishes and salads at extremely reasonable prices. The owner's aim is to establish the sort of place where one cares to linger all night long, enjoying the casual but lively ambiance. "We open at 4:00 p.m. and close...whenever," explained Michael, "until the last customer is ready to come home.'

Hailing originally from Holland and Suriname, Michael and Mireille have run two very successful and sim-

ilar eateries in both countries. They confess they couldn't find anything quite like Grand Café 21 on the Aruba, and felt there was a void that needed to be filled.

If you wish to enjoy a full evening of fine dining and dancing as the world used to know, but loud, heavy electronic music is not your thing, than Grand Café 21 is the place for you! Open Tuesday through Sunday, they hope to soon welcome patrons "not as customers, but as friends."

by Rosalie Klein

UN: Disasters 'scream' call for climate action

GENEVA, Switzerland (AFP) – UN climate chief Christiana Figueres yesterday warned that a string of weather calamities showed the deepening urgency to forge a breakthrough deal on global warming this year.

Speaking before some 40 countries were to address finance, an issue that has helped hamstring UN climate talks, Figueres said floods in Pakistan, fires in Russia and other weather disasters had been a shocking wakeup call.

"The news has been screaming that a future of intense, global climate disasters is not the future that we want," Figueres, newly-appointed executive secretary of the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC), told reporters.

"Science will show whether and how those events are related to climate change caused by humanity's greenhouse-gas emissions, but the point is clear: We cannot afford to face escalating disasters of that kind."

Figueres called on governments to agree on "four or five" major planks at yearend UNFCCC talks in Cancun, Mexico, which would then serve as a platform for a 2012 global pact on climate.

"We read that countries are assuming their responsibility, that they're being realistic, that they're being productive, that they're being constructive and that they're counting on very clear outcomes from Cancun," she

One of the issues in Cancun will be funding.

Hundreds of billions of dollars are needed to prevent future emissions of greenhouse gases by emerging economies and help poor countries facing worsening drought, flood, storms and rising seas.

The Geneva talks, which ends today, gathered more than 40 countries at ministerial level, including big advanced economies, emerging giants and countries representative of poor nations.

The tentative goal is to establish a "dialogue" on the broad lines of how to gear up as much as 100 billion dollars a years by 2020.

The many questions include the resources of this fund, the role of the private and public sector and how the money would be administered

Also on the table will be



Firefighters attempt to extinguish a forest fire in Chapada dos Guimaraes midwesten Brazil, August 29, 2010. Dry weather, drought and heat has been causing fires across the country and put about 70 percent of the country at risk of fires



July file photo shows biologists rescuing a baby pink dolphin from Pailas River in Santa Cruz, Bolivia. Biologists and environmental activists tried to rescue dolphins trapped in early July in the Pailas River, a tributary of the Rio Grande river, north of the city of Santa Cruz, when a drought caused water levels to drop.

how to implement "fast-track" finance of 30 billion dollars over the next three years.

Both are the key pledges made by rich countries at the UN climate summit in Copenhagen last December, an event that bickering, textual wrangling and fingerpointing brought to within an inch of catastrophe.

Mistrust festers today, especially among developing countries eyeing the few solid promises made at that ill-fated meeting.

"We will be very happy after the meeting if it starts to send trust, send a common understanding of the challenges... of the important questions, that would be huge step forward," said Swiss negotiator Franz Perrez.

Developing countries in particular want assurances that the 30 billion dollars in short-term finance will come from new sources and is not siphoned off from development aid or existing budgets, said Oxfam policy advisor Romain Benicchio.

Switzerland and Mexico.

co-hosting the meeting, insist the Geneva talks do not constitute the gathering of a cosy elite.

Instead, they say, the outcome will feed into the UN process, deemed the sole valid vehicle, despite its many problems, for dealing with the climate peril.

The 194-nation UNFCCC forum next meets in Tianjin, China, in October followed in Cancun from November 29-December 10.

After the traumatic outcome of Copenhagen, expectations have been dialled down.

At best, say experts, Cancun will deliver good progress on the main issues, but the world will have to wait for another year before a draft treaty sees daylight.

If all goes well, the accord would take effect beyond 2012, after present commitments under the UNFCCC's Kyoto Protocol expire, setting down a charter for drastically curbing man-made greenhouse gas emissions and building financial support.

'King Kong' Chapchai leads Asian Swiss hopes

CRANS MONTANA, (AFP) - A new putter propelled Chapchai Nirat to a fiveunder-par 66 in the first round of the European Masters on Thursday.

The Thai star sank seven birdies against a double bogey at the Crans-sur-Sierre Golf Club to lead the Asian Tour's challenge at the 2.8 million-dollar co-sanctioned event with the European Tour.

Chapchai's playing partner Matteo Manassero, a 17-yearold Italian, fired a 64 and leads Finland's Mikko Ilonen and Englishman Graeme Storm by a stroke.

Starting from the 10th, the big-hitting Chapchai overcame a costly five at the par three 16th hole with some hot putting. He converted all his birdie chances from inside of 10 feet.

"Today, my putting was very good. I changed my putter this week and it feels better. This course is difficult. With the (high) altitude, it is difficult to judge the distances and the greens are difficult too," said the three-time Asian Tour winner.

Chapchai, nicknamed "King Kong" for his long

LONDON, (AFP) - The In-

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Pakistan's Butt, Asif,

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driving game, lamented his lone error when a wayward tee shot at the 16th hole saw him land well left of the target.

He was forced to lay up his second shot before staggering off with a double boxey

bogey.

"I hit one bad shot. If you can hit the fairways here, the second shot is easy. I played here last year and I really like it," said the 27-year-old, who ended the day in tied fourth place with amongst others, last week's winner of the Johnnie Walker Championship Edoardo Molinari of Italy and Asian Tour member Rick Kulacz of Australia.

Malaysia's Ben Leong stormed home with four birdies in his last six holes for a solid 69 while India's Jeev Milkha Singh, a two-time Asian Tour number one, shot a 70

Angelo Que of the Philippines, winner of last month's Worldwide Holdings Selangor Masters and top-10 here last year, opened with a 70 as well.

Que was delighted to finish in red figures.

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The trio have protested

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pretty amazing. It saved me quite a few times as I made up and downs about eight or nine times and to shoot one under was amazing. I've got positive vibes coming back here," said the Filipino.

Reigning Asian Tour number one Thongchai Jaidee battled to a 71 which was matched by current Order of Merit leader Noh Seung-yul of Korea, who played alongside Australian legend Greg



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Delhi pledges 'great' Commonwealth Games despite concerns

NEW DELHI (AFP) - Commonwealth Games organisers on Thursday dismissed widespread criticism ahead of the event and said athletes could expect top-class facilities when the action starts in Delhi on October 3.

The run-up to the Games has been dogged by delayed venues, corruption scandals, public rifts among officials and international concern ranging from dengue fever outbreaks to the risk of militant attacks.

Suresh Kalmadi, chairman of the organising committee, said that one month ahead of the opening ceremony all preparations were on schedule for a Games that would match those held in Melbourne in 2006.

"I can assure you that all the infrastructure is in place," he told reporters. "We have built the whole Games around the athletes and the facilities will be worldclass."

He said that fears about the event would be replaced

Motorcyclist Baron dies 24 years after Dakar crash

LA ROCHELLE (AFP) - Motorcyclist Jean-Michel Baron died Thursday at the age of 56, after 24 years spent in a vegetative state following a crash on the Dakar Rally

Baron was 31 when he fell heavily during his second Paris-Dakar, after which he spent several months in hospital before being taken home, where he lived for 23 years "in a vegetative state", his wife Jocelyne told AFP.

"Motorbikes were his life," she said of Baron, the French 250 Inter motorcross champion in 1980 who finished 20th riding a Honda in his first Paris-Dakar in 1985.



by celebrations as soon as the 8,000 athletes and team officials from 71 nations and territories had arrived in Delhi.

"There is a feeling that developing countries can't do it," he said. "The same thing happened before the (football) World Cup in South Africa, but they showed the world they could do it, and so can Indi."

Delhi has faced an uphill struggle for more than a year to be ready in time, with the Commonwealth Games Federation repeatedly warning the city that it was behind schedule with venues, the athletes' village and transport links.

New metro stations are still under construction, much of Delhi remains littered with rubble from halfcompleted projects, and a heavy monsoon has caused chaos as authorities try to tidy up the city.

"It will be a great Games for sure," Kalmadi told a press conference at the Foreign Correspondents' Club. "All things are go and everything will be smooth."

He stressed that a full security operation would be in place to protect participants and spectators, and said 1,800 doctors would be on call to deal with any cases of dengue fever.

The mosquito-borne disease causes deaths in Delhi every September and October, but numbers of those affected has been unusually high this year with at least 1,000 cases so far.

India's newspapers have blamed water-logged construction sites for encouraging mosquitoes, while also heaping criticism on the organisers over the Games' estimated three-billion-dollar cost.

Kalmadi said India was ready to host its first major international sporting event since the Asian Games in 1982, and encouraged residents to embrace the occasion by buying tickets and supporting the athletes.

He added that visitors were welcome to seek out charities working in the city, to see the reality of India's dire poverty, but warned people not to give money to child beggars.

"I would advise them not to because then they would get surrounded," he said.





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Sharks sign Niemi to one-year contract



SAN JOSE (AFP) - The San Jose Sharks signed Antti Nieme - the goaltender who helped bounce them out of the NHL playoffs - to a one-year, two million-dollar contract on Thursday.

Niemi joins fellow Finnish goalie Antero Niittymaki in San Jose as the replacements for longtime starter Evgeni Nabokov. Niittymaki agreed a twoyear, four million-dollar contract in July.

"We liked our goaltending as of yesterday. We like it even more today," general manager Doug Wilson said. "When a player like this

"When a player like this comes available and he wants to come to your team, especially on a contract that we feel fits our salary structure

and you don't have to give up anything to get him you just have to make it happen."

Niemi, 27, played all but one period of the Chicago Blackhawks' run to the Stanley Cup title

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In the Western Conference finals he stopped 129 of 136 shots to help the Blackhawks sweep the Sharks. He left Chicago as an unrestricted free agent.

McLaren duo ready for fair fight

MONZA (AFP) - Lewis Hamilton and Jenson Button may be friends and teammates, but both are close rivals for the world championship and each has his own goals as he enters the run-in to the end of the season

Yet while Red Bull's oftwarring pairing of impetuous German Sebastian Vettel and Australian Mark Webber scrap for any advantage between them in their own battle for the title, the McLaren pair appear to have no tensions.

Hamilton, the 2008 cham-

pion and current leader by just three points ahead of Webber, has made clear he has no problem in McLaren giving equal and identical support and machinery to his team-mate.

His only concern, he said this week, is that he can focus on his job and set out to complete a personal collection of four classic Formula One wins by adding the Italian Grand Prix to his victories achieved already at Monaco, Silverstone and Spa.

And while he has been doing that - to help prepare his mind for the job next

weekend at Monza - his team-mate has maintained his own faith in his ability to overhaul everyone by making up a 35-points deficit to retain his crown.

By contrast, the Red Bull drivers have kept a low profile this week following Vettel's bizarre crash-hit race in Belgium where the superior Webber took second place behind Hamilton.

China join Australia in last 16

IZMIR (AFP) - China scraped into the second round of the world basketball championships on Thursday while Australia also made sure of their last 16 spot.

China slumped to a crushing 87-40 defeat to Turkey in their final Group C game, but still reached the next stage thanks to Puerto Rico.

Going into the final day of pool play, China, Puerto Rico and the Ivory Coast were all fighting for the final qualifying spot.

If the Ivory Coast were to take the final position they needed to beat Puerto Rico by 12 or more points.

With time running out it looked like the Africans had pulled it off, leading 88-76, but on the buzzer David Huertas hit a three-pointer to bring the margin back to nine points.

Against Turkey, China were struggling early in the contest, managing just six points in the opening quarter to be down 15-6.

The situation did not improve in the second quarter as Turkey continued to extend the gap with China only able to add another seven points to trail 39-13 at half-time.

Sun Yu was the top contributor for the Chinese with five points while Oguz Savaz led Turkey with 10 points.

Although China were able to pick up their scoring in the third quarter, it would make little difference as Turkey continued to surge ahead, leading 66-25 with a quarter left to play.

In the last quarter it was a case of the Chinese needing to put some respectability back into the scoreline, only for Turkey to pull further

ahead, winning 87-40.

Yu finished the game as top-scorer for China, who face Lithuania in the last 16, with 15 points while Savaz led Turkey with 20 points.

China coach Bob Donewald said: "Today we played the young guys and it will be an experience they will never forget. They made a lot of mistakes but two or three years from now they can look back on it as a great lesson."

Australia racked up a vital 76-55 win over Angola in Group A and will face Slovenia for a quarter-final spot

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Patrick Mills was the best
of the Australians being the
only player on his roster to
break into double figures, finishing with 11 points.
Matthew Nielsen finished
with 9 points, 6 assists and 7
rebounds.

Lithuania v China, Argentina v Brazil

Serbia topped the group, knocking over previously unbeaten Argentina 84-82.

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LA Clippers' Eric Gordon scored 21 points to help the USA maintain their unbeaten record in group play as they beat Tunisia 92-57 to top Group B and set-up a last 16 meeting with Angola.

World championships last 16 line-up after completion of pool play on Thursday:

Saturday

Serbia v Croatia, Spain v Greece

Sunday

Turkey v France, Slovenia v Australia

Monday

USA v Angola, Russia v New Zealand

Tuesday

Lithuania v China, Argentina v Brazil

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Federer rolls, Davydenko falls and Nishikori wins epic



NEW YORK (AFP) - Roger Federer rolled into the third round of the US Open on Thursday while sixth seed Nikolay Davydenko lost and Japanese qualifier Kei Nishikori dumped 11th seed Marin Cilic in five grueling sets.

Swiss second seed Federer, seeking his 17th Grand Slam crown and a seventh consecutive trip to the US Open final, eliminated Germany's 104th-ranked Andreas Beck 6-3, 6-4, 6-3 in one hour and 41 minutes at Arthur Ashe Stadium.

Federer, a five-time US Open champion, will face 109th-ranked Paul-Henri Mathieu to decide a berth in the last 16 on the Flushing Meadows hardcourts. Mathieu eliminated fellow Frenchman Guillaume Rufin 7-6 (7/3), 6-4, 6-3.

Federer jumped ahead 5-0 in only 12 minutes, claimed the first set in 27 minutes despite surrendering a break and was seldom threatened.

"It's the perfect start," Federer said. "I played Monday, had two days off, I had another easy one physically and here I am in the third round feeling like I'm completely in the tournament."

Russian Davydenko, a 2006 and 2007 US Open semi-final loser to Federer, was pounded 6-3, 6-4, 6-2 by 38th-ranked Richard Gasquet, who will next face either South African Kevin

Anderson or Brazilian 26th seed Thomasz Bellucci.

Gasquet, among a record 12 Frenchmen to reach the second round, lost only seven of 52 points on his first serve as Davydenko made his quickest US Open exit since 2005

Davydenko joined a US Open seeded scrap heap that includes No. 7 Tomas Berdych of the Czech Republic, US ninth seed Andy Roddick and Croatia's Cilic, who dropped the longest match of the week just 60 seconds shy of five hours.

Nishikori, ranked 147th, fought off cramping in the hottest day of a scorching week to defeat Cilic 5-7, 7-6 (8/6), 3-6, 7-6 (7/3), 6-1 in an exhausting duel.

"I don't know how long I've played now. I'm pretty tired," Nishikori said. "I was cramping from the second set but I kept fighting and fighting and got the fourth set tiebreaker. That was key for me. It was a great match.

"It was hot but I feel good

The triumph, Nishikori's fifth in a week counting qualifying matches, came on the

same Grandstand court where Japan's Shuzo Matsuoka writhed in cramping agony in 1995, left unaided lest he be defaulted in a move that led to changes in medical treatment of players.

"I've seen it many times," Nishikori said of the video. "It was sad to see him like that. No one can help."

Nishikori, whose run to the fourth round in 2008 was his best Slam showing and the best US Open showing by a Japanese man since 1937, jumped to a 4-1 lead in the fourth set before Cilic broke back and they held into a tiebreaker.

Nishikori will next face Spanish 21st seed Albert Montanes, who ousted Australian wild card Carsten Ball 6-4, 6-3, 6-1.

Swedish fifth seed Robin

Soderling reached the third round in straight sets as well, dumping American Taylor Dent 6-2, 6-2, 6-4. US 19th seed Mardy Fish,

US 19th seed Mardy Fish, who won twice in July and reached the final of the last major US Open tuneup at Cincinnati, fired 14 aces and reached the third round by eliminating Uruguay's Pablo Cuevas 7-5, 6-0, 6-2.

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Next in Fish's path is France's Arnaud Clement, who led 6-3, 5-5 when Argentina's Eduardo Schwank retired with an ankle injury.

"I've never put myself in position to be a guy who is talked about at a Grand Slam," Fish said. "I'd love another crack at a top-5, top-10 player in a Slam. I've beaten a couple but not deep into a tournament.



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